



# **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

## **COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** November 2, 2010

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Authorization To Join The California Water And Wastewater Agency Response Network

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Agreeing to Become a Party to the California Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) 2007 Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement, and Authorizing the Water Resources Manager to Execute the Agreement.

### **DISCUSSION:**

CalWARN was developed to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual assistance matters for public and private water and wastewater utilities.

CalWARN provides member utilities with a standard mutual assistance agreement and process for sharing emergency resources among members; a mutual assistance program consistent with other statewide mutual aid programs, the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and resources to respond and recover more quickly from a disaster.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There is no cost to join CalWARN.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office